(c) what measures to minimise Hepatities B among children would be taken?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI N.T. SHANMUGAM): (a) and (b) World Health Organisation recommends that all countries with high incidence of tuberculosis infection should immunize every with a single dose of BCG at or soon after birth. The immunization programme in India provides for vaccination of infants with a single dose of BCG. A number of other countries follow the schedule recommended by World Health Organisation.

(c) Training and equipment to ensure Injection Safety and proper Sterilization have been provided at all facilities. Screening of blood for Hepatitis B is done before transfusion. It has however, not so far yet been possible to take up Hepatitis B Immunization for children due to resource constraints.

Grants to Sher-I-Kashmir Natoinal Medical Institute Trust

1733. SHRI JIBON ROY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Sher-I-Kashmir National Medical Institute Trust has received regular grants and donations from the Central Government;

(b) if so, the amount paid during the last three years;

(c) whether Government have checked the manner in which the amount has been spent by the Trust;

(d) if so, whether any irregularities were found by Government; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI N.T. SHANMUGAM): (a) No regular grants and donations are being given by the Central Government to Sher-I-Kashmir National Medical Institute Trust.

(b) to (e) Do not arise in view of (a) above.